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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Monthly Pay-roll Tax returns lodged by employers (other than Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions and public hospitals) paying more than £80 per week in wages (£20 per week prior to 1st October, 1953). They should be interpreted in the light of the prefatory notes on page 1 hereof.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees", and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.



PREFATORY NOTES

1. The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 hereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1953				1954		
	February	March	Nov- ember	Dec- ember	Jan- uary	February	March
<u>MALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1307.3	1311.3	1337.9	1340.9	1344.2	1348.8	1356.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	(b) 30.7	(b) 30.5	30.1	30.0	30.1	30.0	30.0
Other	127.9	128.6	126.4	126.2	126.4	126.3	126.4
State and Semi-Governmental	346.2	348.1	352.2	353.4	352.8	355.8	358.5
Local Authorities	59.0	59.6	60.0	60.3	58.8	59.5	60.2
2. Total Governmental	563.8	566.8	568.7	569.9	568.1	571.6	575.1
3. Grand Total in Civilian							
Employment	1871.1	1878.1	1906.6	1910.8	1912.3	1920.4	1931.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Overseas and National							
Service Trainees in Camp)(c)	68.4	65.8	57.0	52.5	62.7	62.3	61.3
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	1939.5	1943.9	1963.6	1963.3	1975.0	1982.7	1992.6
<u>FEMALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	559.9	564.4	582.7	590.0	587.0	588.3	593.7
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.4
Other	36.0	35.9	34.9	34.5	34.9	35.0	35.1
State and Semi-Governmental	64.5	65.3	65.4	65.2	64.2	66.3	67.2
Local Authorities	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.5
2. Total Governmental	112.1	112.7	111.9	111.3	110.7	113.0	114.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian							
Employment	672.0	677.1	694.6	701.3	697.7	701.3	707.9
4. Defence Forces (Permanent							
and Overseas)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees							
and Defence Forces	674.0	679.1	696.6	703.3	699.7	703.3	709.8
<u>PERSONS</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1867.2	1875.7	1920.6	1930.9	1931.2	1937.1	1949.9
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	37.0	36.7	36.3	36.2	36.3	36.2	36.4
Other	163.9	164.5	161.3	160.7	161.3	161.3	161.5
State and Semi-Governmental	410.7	413.4	417.6	418.6	417.0	422.1	425.7
Local Authorities	64.3	64.9	65.4	65.7	64.2	65.0	65.7
2. Total Governmental	675.9	679.5	680.6	681.2	678.8	684.6	689.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian							
Employment	2543.1	2555.2	2601.2	2612.1	2610.0	2621.7	2639.2
4. Defence Forces (Permanent,							
Overseas and National							
Service Trainees in Camp)(c)	70.4	67.8	59.0	54.5	64.7	64.3	63.2
5. Total, Civilian Employees,							
Defence Forces and Trainees	2613.5	2623.0	2660.2	2666.6	2674.7	2686.0	2702.4

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production.

(b) Includes migrants employed by the Defence Group under the emergency employment plan.

(c) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel.

# 1. GENERAL SUMMARY

**TABLE I : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July	1340.8	1316.5	1316.3	605.2	558.7	562.8	1946.0	1875.2	1879.1
August	1341.9	1306.9	1319.4	607.4	553.1	565.0	1949.3	1860.0	1884.4
September	1343.7	1298.6	1323.6	608.2	552.1	569.1	1951.9	1850.7	1892.5
October	1349.3	1301.6	1330.4	609.2	553.0	574.5	1958.5	1854.6	1904.5
November	1358.8	1300.6	1337.9	611.2	554.7	582.7	1970.0	1855.3	1920.1
December	1352.5	1299.4	1340.9	608.6	557.9	590.0	1961.1	1857.3	1930.9
January	1352.2	1297.9	1344.2	597.9	553.9	587.0	1950.1	1851.8	1931.2
February	1351.4	1307.3	1348.8	592.3	559.9	588.3	1943.7	1867.2	1937.1
March	1351.2	1311.3	1356.2	588.3	564.4	593.7	1939.5	1875.7	1949.5
April	1342.8	1314.7		578.4	563.8		1921.2	1878.5	
May	1335.0	1316.8		572.5	562.8		1907.5	1879.6	
June	1329.7	1319.0		564.1	561.7		1893.8	1880.7	

**TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA**  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July	572.0	577.5	566.1	115.0	115.5	112.5	687.0	693.0	678.6
August	570.0	574.9	566.8	114.7	114.9	112.5	684.7	689.8	679.3
September	563.3	572.3	566.7	112.5	113.8	112.4	675.8	686.1	679.1
October	559.8	567.5	567.4	112.4	112.6	111.8	672.2	680.1	679.2
November	560.3	565.1	568.7	112.8	112.2	111.9	673.1	677.3	680.6
December	563.4	564.5	569.9	112.0	111.2	111.3	675.4	675.7	681.2
January	564.7	(a)559.9	568.1	112.9	110.3	110.7	677.6	(a)670.2	678.8
February	569.1	563.6	571.6	115.0	112.1	113.0	684.1	675.9	684.6
March	572.5	566.8	575.1	115.5	112.7	114.2	688.0	679.5	689.3
April	576.6	567.7		115.8	112.3		692.4	680.0	
May	578.8	568.1		115.7	112.1		694.5	680.2	
June	578.4	567.8		115.3	112.0		693.7	679.8	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.

**TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July	1912.8	1894.0	1882.4	720.2	674.2	675.3	2633.0	2568.2	2557.7
August	1911.9	1881.8	1886.2	722.1	668.0	677.5	2634.0	2549.8	2563.7
September	1907.0	1870.9	1890.3	720.7	665.9	681.5	2627.7	2536.8	2571.8
October	1909.1	1869.1	1897.8	721.6	665.6	686.3	2630.7	2534.7	2584.1
November	1919.1	1865.7	1906.6	724.0	666.9	694.6	2643.1	2532.6	2601.2
December	1915.9	1863.9	1910.8	720.6	669.1	701.3	2636.5	2533.0	2612.1
January	1916.9	(a)1857.8	1912.3	710.8	664.2	697.7	2627.7	(a)2522.0	2610.0
February	1920.5	1871.1	1920.4	707.3	672.0	701.3	2627.8	2543.1	2621.7
March	1923.7	1878.1	1931.3	703.8	677.1	707.9	2627.5	2555.2	2639.2
April	1919.4	1882.4		694.2	676.1		2613.6	2558.5	
May	1913.8	1884.9		688.2	674.9		2602.0	2559.8	
June	1908.1	1886.8		679.4	673.7		2587.5	2560.5	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.



TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp)(a)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July	46.7	68.9	66.0	0.8	1.9	2.0	47.5	70.8	68.0
August	56.1	70.4	65.5	0.9	2.1	2.0	57.0	72.5	67.5
September	57.0	70.6	62.8	1.0	2.1	2.0	58.0	72.7	64.8
October	57.5	70.1	62.5	1.1	2.1	2.0	58.6	72.2	64.5
November	49.5	62.1	57.0	1.2	2.1	2.0	50.7	64.2	59.0
December	50.7	59.3	52.5	1.2	2.0	2.0	51.9	61.3	54.5
January	58.6	67.5	62.7	1.3	2.1	2.0	59.9	69.6	64.7
February	60.4	68.4	62.3	1.4	2.0	2.0	61.8	70.4	64.3
March	62.0	65.8	61.3	1.5	2.0	1.9	63.5	67.8	63.2
April	64.6	63.0		1.6	2.0		66.2	65.0	
May	65.9	65.4		1.8	2.0		67.7	67.4	
June	67.6	65.4		1.8	2.0		69.4	67.4	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54
July	1959.5	1962.9	1948.4	721.0	676.1	677.3	2680.5	2639.0	2625.7
August	1968.0	1952.2	1951.7	723.0	670.1	679.5	2691.0	2622.3	2631.2
September	1964.0	1941.5	1953.1	721.7	668.0	683.5	2685.7	2609.5	2636.6
October	1966.6	1939.2	1960.3	722.7	667.7	688.3	2689.3	2606.9	2648.6
November	1968.6	1927.8	1963.6	725.2	669.0	696.6	2693.8	2590.8	2660.2
December	1966.6	1923.2	1963.3	721.8	671.1	703.3	2688.4	2594.3	2666.6
January	1975.5	(a) 1925.3	1975.0	712.1	666.3	699.7	2687.6	(a) 2591.6	2674.7
February	1980.9	1939.5	1982.7	708.7	674.0	703.3	2689.6	2613.5	2686.0
March	1985.7	1943.9	1992.6	705.3	679.1	709.8	2691.0	2623.0	2702.4
April	1984.0	1945.4		695.8	678.1		2679.8	2623.5	
May	1979.7	1950.3		690.0	676.9		2669.7	2627.2	
June	1975.7	1952.2		681.2	675.7		2656.9	2627.9	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.

**TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Autho- rities (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govt. Autho- rities (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	Govt. Autho- rities (a)	Private Employ- ment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.1	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	553.5	1,305.2	1,858.7	107.6	580.6	688.2	661.1	1,885.8	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1952 Mar. (d)	572.5	1,351.2	1,923.7	115.5	588.3	703.8	688.0	1,939.5	2,627.5	63.5
Apr.	576.6	1,342.8	1,919.4	115.8	578.4	694.2	692.4	1,921.2	2,613.6	66.2
May	578.8	1,335.0	1,913.8	115.7	572.5	688.2	694.5	1,907.5	2,602.0	67.7
June	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
July	577.5	1,316.5	1,894.0	115.5	558.7	674.2	693.0	1,875.2	2,568.2	70.8
Aug.	574.9	1,306.9	1,881.8	114.9	553.1	668.0	689.8	1,860.0	2,549.8	72.5
Sept.	572.3	1,298.6	1,870.9	113.8	552.1	665.9	686.1	1,850.7	2,536.8	72.7
Oct.	567.5	1,301.6	1,869.1	112.6	553.0	665.6	680.1	1,854.6	2,534.7	72.2
Nov.	565.1	1,300.6	1,865.7	112.2	554.7	666.9	677.3	1,855.3	2,532.6	64.2
Dec.	564.5	1,299.4	1,863.9	111.2	557.9	669.1	675.7	1,857.3	2,533.0	61.3
1953 Jan.	559.9	1,297.9	1,857.8	110.3	553.9	664.2	670.2	1,851.8	2,522.0	69.6
Feb.	563.8	1,307.3	1,871.1	112.1	559.9	672.0	675.9	1,867.2	2,543.1	70.4
Mar.	566.8	1,311.3	1,878.1	112.7	564.4	677.1	679.5	1,875.7	2,555.2	67.8
Apr.	567.7	1,314.7	1,882.4	112.3	563.8	676.1	680.0	1,878.5	2,558.5	65.0
May	568.1	1,316.8	1,884.9	112.1	562.8	674.9	680.2	1,879.6	2,559.8	67.4
June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
July	566.1	1,316.3	1,882.4	112.5	562.8	675.3	678.6	1,879.1	2,557.7	68.0
Aug.	566.8	1,319.4	1,886.2	112.5	565.0	677.5	679.3	1,884.4	2,563.7	67.5
Sept.	566.7	1,323.6	1,890.3	112.4	569.1	681.5	679.1	1,892.7	2,571.8	64.8
Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	111.8	574.5	686.3	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	64.5
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
1954 Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

(c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(d) See Prefatory note on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951.



**TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, MARCH, 1954**  
**STATE AND TERRITORIES**  
 (Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	9.2	1.0	45.0	12.8	54.2	13.8	130.7	23.4	24.3	2.6	209.2	39.8	249.0
Victoria	15.6	4.5	33.4	10.2	49.0	14.7	92.6	20.2	12.2	1.3	153.8	36.2	190.0
Queensland	1.2	0.2	15.8	4.1	17.0	4.3	50.1	6.9	15.8	0.8	82.9	12.0	94.9
South Australia	3.0	0.5	11.8	2.5	14.8	3.0	37.4	7.8	2.7	0.3	54.9	11.1	66.0
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	7.8	1.9	8.5	2.0	34.0	5.7	3.1	0.3	45.6	8.0	53.6
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.0	1.1	4.1	1.2	13.7	3.2	2.1	0.2	19.9	4.6	24.5
Northern Terr.	0.1	-	2.2	0.5	2.3	0.5	-	-	-	-	2.3	0.5	2.8
Aust.Cap.Terr.	0.1	-	6.4	2.0	6.5	2.0	-	-	-	-	6.5	2.0	8.5
Total March	30.0	6.4	126.4	35.1	156.4	41.5	358.5	67.2	60.2	5.5	575.1	114.2	689.3
TOTAL Feb.1954	30.0	6.2	126.3	35.0	156.3	41.2	355.8	66.3	59.5	5.5	571.6	113.0	684.6

(a) See Note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

**TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES**

(EXCLUDING : Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also Excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	June 1948	May 1949 (a)	June 1950	June 1951	Nov. 1951	June 1952	June 1953	Feb. 1954	March 1954
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MALES

New South Wales	702.3	721.4	740.8	758.2	765.0	754.4	734.3	750.0	753.2
Victoria	473.3	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.3	524.4	521.6	533.6	537.0
Queensland	232.6	239.8	250.4	259.3	260.1	258.1	255.2	254.2	256.1
South Australia	149.0	155.0	165.7	170.0	169.9	171.5	170.6	174.4	175.0
West. Australia	109.2	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.6	(b)126.0	130.2	133.2	133.9
Tasmania	54.5	57.4	58.4	60.2	60.9	61.0	61.8	61.9	63.1
Northern Terr.	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.6	4.8	4.8
Aust.Cap.Terr.	6.0	7.2	7.7	8.1	7.8	8.3	8.5	8.3	8.2
Australia:	1730.9	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1919.1	1908.1	1886.8	1920.4	1931.3

FEMALES

New South Wales	261.9	269.9	278.5	290.9	295.2	270.5	266.2	277.6	279.4
Victoria	196.7	202.5	210.0	219.6	220.2	206.6	205.9	215.3	219.1
Queensland	77.9	80.1	83.1	86.1	87.0	83.8	83.7	85.3	85.2
South Australia	50.1	52.2	54.3	57.0	57.1	54.9	53.4	56.7	57.3
West. Australia	37.0	37.8	39.9	41.6	41.5	40.5	41.0	42.4	42.6
Tasmania	18.0	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	19.8	20.1	20.5	20.8
Northern Terr.	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
Aust.Cap.Terr.	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
Australia:	644.0	664.1	688.2	718.8	724.0	679.4	673.7	701.3	707.9

PERSONS

New South Wales	964.2	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1060.2	1024.9	1000.5	1027.6	1032.6
Victoria	670.0	691.8	720.7	745.4	744.5	731.0	727.5	748.9	756.1
Queensland	310.5	319.9	333.5	345.4	347.1	341.9	338.9	339.5	341.3
South Australia	199.1	207.2	220.0	227.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	231.1	232.3
West. Australia	146.2	150.6	160.4	166.9	168.1	(b)166.5	171.2	175.6	176.5
Tasmania	72.5	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.7	80.8	81.9	82.4	83.9
Northern Terr.	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.7
Aust.Cap.Terr.	7.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.8	11.0	10.9	10.8
Australia:	2374.9	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2643.1	2587.5	2560.5	2621.7	2639.2

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

## II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	March 1953	Dec. 1953	Jan. 1954	Feb. 1954	March 1954
<u>MALES</u>						
Forestry, Fishing & Trapping	27.4	25.6	26.0	25.6	25.9	25.8
Mining - Gold	9.4	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	7.7	9.7	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.6
Coal	26.2	29.8	29.6	29.7	29.8	29.9
Other (incl. Quarries)	9.4	11.8	11.4	11.2	11.2	11.4
Total Mining & Quarrying:	52.7	59.1	58.4	58.1	58.3	58.5
Manufacturing, etc.						
Factories (a)	625.0	657.7	678.1	680.7	685.2	688.3
Other (b)	55.5	60.1	60.3	60.6	60.7	60.7
Total Manufacturing:	680.5	717.8	738.4	741.3	745.9	749.0
Building & Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building privately employed (c)	85.9	92.0	90.2	90.1	90.2	91.4
Other (d)	81.9	100.4	101.6	101.6	103.9	107.5
Total Building & Construction:	167.8	192.4	191.8	191.7	194.1	198.9
Transport & Communication:						
Road Transport	82.1	82.5	82.6	82.5	82.8	83.1
Shipping & Stevedoring	43.3	48.1	47.7	48.7	48.9	49.5
Rail and Air Transport	96.5	105.1	106.0	105.9	105.9	105.8
Communication	48.0	58.4	60.1	60.5	60.7	60.9
Total Transport, etc.:	269.9	294.1	296.4	297.6	298.3	299.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	49.4	56.5	56.4	56.9	57.4	57.9
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	92.9	112.4	113.9	114.8	116.2	117.1
Primary Produce						
Agencies	19.4	23.5	24.4	24.5	23.6	23.3
Retail Trade	123.3	123.9	131.7	128.4	127.1	127.3
Total Commerce:	235.6	259.8	270.0	267.7	266.9	267.7
Public Authority Activity n.e.i.	84.3	97.9	97.6	97.2	97.2	97.2
Other						
Law and Order	17.1	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.1
Religion & Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	24.5	25.6	25.9	25.9	25.8	25.9
Education	28.6	34.7	34.9	34.6	35.3	36.1
Other Professional	11.1	12.0	12.2	12.5	12.3	12.1
Entertainment, Sport	17.7	18.2	18.6	18.6	18.3	18.3
Personal Service (e)	52.9	52.7	52.8	53.2	53.3	53.1
Total Other:	163.3	174.5	175.8	176.2	176.4	177.0
Migrants Employed by C'wealth						
Govt. on special tasks	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	1730.9	1878.1	1910.8	1912.3	1920.4	1931.3

## FEMALES

Forestry, Fishing & Trapping	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Mining and Quarrying	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9
Manufacturing, etc.						
Factories (a)	208.0	203.9	213.9	215.8	218.5	222.4
Other (b)	5.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0
Total Manufacturing:	213.9	210.8	220.8	222.7	225.5	229.4
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)	2.9	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7
Transport & Communication						
Road Transport	6.8	8.3	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
Railway and Air Transport	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.8
Communication	18.3	18.2	17.7	17.8	17.9	17.9
Total Transport, etc.	35.0	36.7	35.8	36.0	36.1	36.3

For notes see page 9.



**TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS**  
**AUSTRALIA (Continued)**  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	March 1953	Dec. 1953	Jan. 1954	Feb. 1954	March 1954
<b>Females (Continued)</b>						
Property & Finance (inc. Banks and Insurance)	24.2	32.7	32.7	33.3	34.1	34.6
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	28.5	34.4	35.4	36.0	36.5	36.9
Primary Produce Agencies	4.2	5.4	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.4
Retail Trade	109.3	109.6	122.4	116.8	113.5	113.7
Total Commerce:	142.0	149.4	163.2	158.1	155.4	156.0
Public Authority Activity n.e.i.	25.0	27.2	27.3	27.2	27.3	27.4
<b>Other</b>						
Law and Order	7.5	8.6	8.9	8.8	8.9	8.9
Religion & Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	59.6	68.5	69.7	69.6	69.8	69.8
Education	37.1	43.4	43.4	42.1	44.1	45.0
Other Professional	8.3	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4
Entertainment, Sport	8.4	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.6
Personal Service (e)	70.4	67.5	66.9	67.3	67.5	67.7
Total Other:	200.3	215.0	215.9	214.8	217.1	218.4
<b>TOTAL:</b>	644.0	677.1	701.3	697.7	701.3	707.9
<b>PERSONS</b>						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	27.5	25.8	26.2	25.8	26.1	26.0
Mining - Gold	9.5	8.0	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8
Silver, Lead Zinc	7.9	9.9	9.8	9.7	9.9	9.8
Coal	26.3	30.0	29.8	29.9	30.0	30.1
Other (incl. Quarries)	9.6	12.1	11.7	11.6	11.6	11.7
Total Mining and Quarrying:	53.3	60.0	59.3	59.0	59.3	59.4
Manufacturing, etc.						
Factories (a)	833.0	861.6	892.0	896.5	903.7	910.7
Other (b)	61.4	67.0	67.2	67.5	67.7	67.7
Total Manufacturing:	894.4	928.6	959.2	964.0	971.4	978.4
Building and Construction (Incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (Privately employed). (c)	88.3	94.4	92.9	92.8	92.9	94.1
Other (d)	82.4	102.2	103.4	103.4	105.8	109.5
Total Building and Construction:	170.7	196.6	196.3	196.2	198.7	203.6
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	88.9	90.8	90.6	90.5	90.9	91.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	45.4	50.5	50.0	51.1	51.3	51.9
Rail and Air Transport	104.3	112.9	113.8	113.7	113.6	113.6
Communication	66.3	76.6	77.8	78.3	78.6	78.8
Total Transport, etc.	304.9	330.8	332.2	333.6	334.4	335.6
Property and Finance (Incl. Banks and Insurance)	73.6	89.2	89.1	90.2	91.5	92.5
Commerce - Wholesale Trade	121.4	146.8	149.3	150.8	152.7	154.0
Primary Produce Agencies	23.6	28.9	29.8	29.8	29.0	28.7
Retail Trade	232.6	233.5	254.1	245.2	240.6	241.0
Total Commerce:	377.6	409.2	433.2	425.8	422.3	423.7
Public Authority Activity n.e.i.	109.3	125.1	124.9	124.4	124.5	124.6
<b>Other</b>						
Law and Order	24.6	28.5	28.9	28.8	28.9	29.0
Religion & Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	84.1	94.1	95.6	95.5	95.6	95.7
Education	65.7	78.1	78.3	76.7	79.4	81.1
Other Professional	19.4	21.4	21.6	21.9	21.6	21.5
Entertainment, Sport	26.1	26.8	27.3	27.2	26.8	26.9
Personal Service (e)	123.3	120.2	119.7	120.5	120.8	120.8
Total Other:	363.6	389.5	391.7	391.0	393.5	395.4
Migrants employed by C'wealth Govt. on special tasks	-	0.4	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL:</b>	2374.9	2555.2	2612.1	2610.0	2621.7	2639.2

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TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - MARCH, 1954.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	AUST.(f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.5	5.7	5.4	1.6	2.0	2.3	25.8
Mining and Quarrying ..	30.8	5.0	9.3	1.6	8.3	3.1	58.5
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	281.4	215.0	70.1	68.7	34.3	18.8	688.3
Other (b)	26.7	17.3	10.2	2.4	2.5	0.5	60.7
Total Manufacturing:	308.1	232.3	80.3	71.1	36.8	19.3	749.0
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.) ..	66.7	50.9	30.6	18.7	18.1	10.4	198.9
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	17.3	10.5	8.9	6.2	4.3	2.2	49.5
Rail and Air Transport ..	38.6	22.7	20.9	10.3	10.4	2.6	105.8
Other Transport and Communication	58.4	37.7	22.4	12.1	8.6	4.1	144.0
Property and Finance (incl.Banks,etc.)	22.4	17.4	7.9	4.9	3.6	1.4	57.9
Retail Trade ..	50.1	36.6	15.5	11.6	9.5	3.6	127.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	48.7	40.0	19.5	14.2	13.5	4.3	140.4
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	35.6	28.0	11.4	7.6	7.0	3.7	97.2
Other Industries (g) ..	68.0	50.2	24.0	15.1	11.8	6.1	177.0
TOTAL MALES:	753.2	537.0	256.1	175.0	133.9	63.1	1931.3
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Manufacturing, etc.-- Factories (a)	93.5	88.4	13.9	15.9	6.4	4.3	222.4
Other (b)	0.9	2.2	2.8	0.1	0.9	-	7.0
Total Manufacturing:	94.4	90.6	16.7	16.0	7.3	4.3	229.4
Rail and Air Transport ..	3.3	1.9	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	7.3
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.) ..	10.7	8.4	4.1	2.5	1.4	1.1	28.5
Property and Finance, (incl.Banks, etc.)	15.0	9.9	4.1	2.8	2.0	0.8	34.6
Retail Trade ..	42.9	31.1	14.7	11.5	9.5	3.9	113.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	16.3	11.1	6.4	3.8	3.6	1.0	42.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.7	6.6	4.4	1.5	1.9	1.0	27.4
Other Industries (g) ..	86.1	59.5	33.5	18.5	16.5	8.6	224.2
TOTAL FEMALES:	279.4	219.1	85.2	57.3	42.6	20.8	707.9
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.8	5.4	1.6	2.0	2.3	26.0
Mining and Quarrying ..	31.1	5.1	9.5	1.7	8.4	3.2	59.4
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	374.9	303.4	84.0	84.6	40.7	23.1	910.7
Other (b)	27.6	19.5	13.0	2.5	3.4	0.5	67.7
Total Manufacturing:	402.5	322.9	97.0	87.1	44.1	23.6	978.4
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.) ..	68.7	52.1	31.2	19.1	18.5	10.5	203.6
Shipping and Stevedoring ..	18.4	11.0	9.2	6.4	4.5	2.3	51.9
Rail and Air Transport ..	41.9	24.6	22.2	11.0	10.8	2.6	113.6
Other Transport and Communication	68.0	45.6	26.2	14.4	9.8	5.2	170.1
Property and Finance, (incl.Banks, etc.)	37.4	27.3	12.0	7.7	5.6	2.2	92.5
Retail Trade ..	93.0	67.6	30.2	23.1	19.0	7.5	241.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce ..	65.0	51.1	25.9	18.0	17.1	5.3	182.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	46.3	34.6	15.8	9.1	8.9	4.7	124.6
Other Industries (g) ..	151.7	108.3	56.7	33.1	27.8	14.5	395.4
TOTAL PERSONS:	1032.6	756.1	341.3	232.3	176.5	83.9	2639.2

For notes see page 9.

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on buildings and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestic).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestic). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

### III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, APRIL, 1954.

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows: - "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, provided their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff." The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Figures published in Bulletins prior to March, 1953 related to 618 factories in New South Wales and 778 in Victoria. The survey has since been extended to other States and the movement of employment in 1055 factories in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia is available from January, 1953 onwards. Approximately half of the total private factory employment in each State is covered by the collection.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

As from January, 1954, some changes have been made in the lists of factories reporting. Figures shown in Tables 11 and 15 for months prior to January, 1954 have been revised, where necessary, to accord with the new basis.



TABLE 11. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA</u>						
1953 March	235,129	79,782	314,911	+1.2	+2.1	+1.4
April	236,009	78,738	314,747	+0.4	-1.3	-0.1
May	237,010	79,038	316,048	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4
June	238,345	79,057	317,402	+0.6	+0.0	+0.4
July	238,883	79,422	318,305	+0.2	+0.5	+0.3
August	240,045	79,987	320,032	+0.5	+0.7	+0.5
September	241,584	81,157	322,741	+0.6	+1.5	+0.8
October	243,633	82,957	326,590	+0.8	+2.2	+1.2
November	245,571	83,874	329,445	+0.8	+1.1	+0.9
December	245,863	84,434	330,297	+0.1	+0.7	+0.3
1954 January	248,605	86,532	335,137	+1.1	+2.5	+1.5
February	250,237	88,273	338,510	+0.7	+2.0	+1.0
March	251,532	*90,062	*341,594	+0.5	*+2.0	+0.9
April	251,693	87,929	339,622	+0.1	-2.4	-0.6
<u>QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>						
1953 March	91,078	19,750	110,828	+0.9	+0.6	+0.8
April	91,416	19,410	110,826	+0.4	-1.7	-0.0
May	92,901	19,256	112,157	+1.6	-0.8	+1.2
June	94,568	19,143	113,711	+1.8	-0.6	+1.4
July	95,782	19,358	115,140	+1.3	+1.1	+1.3
August	96,054	19,658	115,712	+0.3	+1.5	+0.5
September	95,739	19,768	115,507	-0.3	+0.6	-0.2
October	95,700	20,029	115,729	-0.0	+1.3	+0.2
November	95,501	20,220	115,721	-0.2	+1.0	-0.0
December	94,267	20,710	114,977	-1.3	+2.4	-0.6
1954 January	93,729	22,048	115,777	-0.6	+6.5	+0.7
February	94,298	21,752	116,050	+0.6	-1.3	+0.2
March	95,071	21,607	116,678	+0.8	-0.7	+0.5
April	95,876	21,781	117,657	+0.8	+0.8	+0.8
<u>FIVE STATES</u>						
1953 March	326,207	99,532	425,739	+1.1	+1.8	+1.3
April	327,425	98,148	425,573	+0.4	-1.4	-0.0
May	329,911	98,294	428,205	+0.8	+0.1	+0.6
June	332,913	98,200	431,113	+0.9	-0.1	+0.7
July	334,665	98,780	433,445	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5
August	336,099	99,645	435,744	+0.4	+0.9	+0.5
September	337,323	100,925	438,248	+0.4	+1.3	+0.6
October	339,333	102,986	442,319	+0.6	+2.0	+0.9
November	341,072	104,094	445,166	+0.5	+1.1	+0.6
December	340,130	105,144	445,274	-0.3	+1.0	+0.0
1954 January	342,334	108,580	450,914	+0.6	+3.3	+1.3
February	344,535	110,025	454,560	+0.6	+1.3	+0.8
March	346,603	*111,669	*458,272	+0.6	+1.5	+0.8
April	347,569	109,710	457,279	+0.3	-1.8	-0.2

\* Revised.

TABLE 12. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA						
1953 March	213,712	69,692	283,404	+1.5	+2.4	+1.7
April	215,980	70,828	286,808	+1.1	+1.6	+1.2
May	217,766	71,920	289,686	+0.8	+1.5	+1.0
June	219,285	72,070	291,355	+0.7	+0.2	+0.6
July	219,708	72,480	292,188	+0.2	+0.6	+0.3
August	220,718	72,916	293,634	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5
September	222,193	73,984	296,177	+0.7	+1.5	+0.9
October	223,376	75,197	298,573	+0.5	+1.6	+0.8
November	224,693	75,949	300,642	+0.6	+1.0	+0.7
December	225,093	75,927	301,020	+0.2	-0.0	+0.1
1954 January	226,948	76,411	303,359	+0.8	+0.6	+0.8
February	228,519	77,893	306,412	+0.7	+1.9	+1.0
March	229,441	*78,563	*308,004	+0.4	+0.9	+0.5
April	231,120	78,824	309,944	+0.7	+0.3	+0.6
QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA						
1953 March	74,302	15,711	90,013	+0.6	+2.2	+0.8
April	74,515	15,931	90,446	+0.3	+1.4	+0.5
May	75,084	16,039	91,123	+0.8	+0.7	+0.7
June	75,573	15,938	91,511	+0.7	-0.6	+0.4
July	76,176	16,021	92,197	+0.8	+0.5	+0.7
August	76,381	16,206	92,587	+0.3	+1.2	+0.4
September	76,474	16,358	92,832	+0.1	+0.9	+0.3
October	77,188	16,618	93,806	+0.9	+1.6	+1.0
November	77,753	16,922	94,675	+0.7	+1.8	+0.9
December	78,177	16,902	95,079	+0.5	-0.1	+0.4
1954 January	78,927	17,058	95,985	+1.0	+0.9	+1.0
February	78,915	17,462	96,377	-0.0	+2.4	+0.4
March	78,942	17,619	96,561	+0.0	+0.9	+0.2
April	79,094	17,794	96,888	+0.2	+1.0	+0.3
FIVE STATES						
1953 March	288,014	85,403	373,417	+1.2	+2.3	+1.5
April	290,495	86,759	377,254	+0.9	+1.6	+1.0
May	292,850	87,959	380,809	+0.8	+1.4	+0.9
June	294,858	88,008	382,866	+0.7	+0.1	+0.5
July	295,884	88,501	384,385	+0.3	+0.6	+0.4
August	297,099	89,122	386,221	+0.4	+0.7	+0.5
September	298,667	90,342	389,009	+0.5	+1.4	+0.7
October	300,564	91,815	392,379	+0.6	+1.6	+0.9
November	302,446	92,871	395,317	+0.6	+1.2	+0.7
December	303,270	92,829	396,099	+0.3	-0.0	+0.2
1954 January	305,875	93,469	399,344	+0.9	+0.7	+0.8
February	307,434	95,355	402,789	+0.5	+2.0	+0.9
March	308,383	*96,182	*404,565	+0.3	+0.9	+0.4
April	310,214	96,618	406,832	+0.6	+0.5	+0.6

\* Revised.

An industrial grouping of the numbers of persons employed in the larger private factories surveyed, males and females being shown separately, is as follows: -

**TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA**  
**INDUSTRIAL GROUPING**

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (Both States)				Percentage movement in employment	
	April 1953	February 1954	March 1954	April 1954	February- March	March- April
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	18,100	18,766	18,766	19,083	-	+1.7
2. Basic Metals	28,878	29,922	29,871	30,084	-0.2	+0.7
3. Transportation Equipment	34,227	35,468	35,738	36,068	+0.8	+0.9
4. Other Metal Manufactures	58,162	62,014	62,170	62,678	+0.3	+0.8
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	11,661	11,989	12,026	12,093	+0.3	+0.6
6. Clothing and Textiles	26,972	29,327	29,404	29,453	+0.3	+0.2
7. Food	20,029	21,718	22,091	20,573	+1.7	-6.9
8. All Other	37,980	41,033	41,466	41,661	+1.1	+0.5
Total - All Groups	236,009	250,237	251,532	251,693	+0.5	+0.1
Total - Excluding Food	215,980	228,519	229,441	231,120	+0.4	+0.7

<b>FEMALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	1,553	1,702	1,691	1,716	-0.6	+1.5
2. Basic Metals	1,032	1,104	1,141	1,164	+3.4	+2.0
3. Transportation Equipment	2,919	3,152	3,238	3,239	+2.7	+0.0
4. Other Metal Manufactures	10,868	12,702	13,002	13,234	+2.4	+1.8
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	3,178	3,370	3,384	3,388	+0.4	+0.1
6. Clothing and Textiles	40,018	43,632	*43,745	43,772	+0.3	+0.1
7. Food	7,910	10,380	11,499	9,105	+10.8	-20.8
8. All Other	11,260	12,231	12,362	12,311	+1.1	-0.4
Total - All Groups	78,738	88,273	*90,062	87,929	*+2.0	-2.4
Total - Excluding Food	70,828	77,893	*78,563	78,824	+0.9	+0.3

**TABLE 14 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA - INDUSTRIAL GROUPING**

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (3 States)				Percentage movement in employment	
	April 1953	February 1954	March 1954	April 1954	February- March	March- April
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	12,452	13,123	13,009	13,032	-0.9	+0.2
2. Basic Metals	3,488	3,340	3,371	3,403	+0.9	+0.9
3. Transportation Equipment	17,122	18,723	18,880	19,211	+0.8	+1.8
4. Other Metal Manufactures	20,158	21,470	21,344	21,055	-0.6	-1.4
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,232	4,093	4,187	4,209	+2.3	+0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	5,132	5,500	5,450	5,472	-0.9	+0.4
7. Food	16,901	15,383	16,129	16,782	+4.8	+4.0
8. All Other	11,931	12,666	12,701	12,712	+0.3	+0.1
Total - All Groups	91,416	94,298	95,071	95,876	+0.8	+0.8
Total - Excluding Food	74,515	78,915	78,942	79,094	+0.0	+0.2

<b>FEMALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	744	815	819	844	+0.5	+3.1
2. Basic Metals	80	81	80	80	-1.2	-
3. Transportation Equipment	821	884	929	948	+5.1	+2.0
4. Other Metal Manufactures	2,310	2,852	2,836	2,787	-0.6	-1.3
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	605	668	664	673	-0.6	+1.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	8,971	9,691	9,768	9,880	+0.8	+1.1
7. Food	3,479	4,290	3,988	3,987	-7.0	-0.0
8. All Other	2,400	2,471	2,523	2,582	+2.1	+2.3
Total - All Groups	19,410	21,752	21,607	21,781	-0.7	+0.8
Total - Excluding Food	15,931	17,462	17,619	17,794	+0.9	+1.0

\* Revised.



TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE STATES -  
INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage Movement in employment	
	April 1953	February 1954	March 1954	April 1954	February- March	March- April
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	30,552	31,889	31,775	32,115	-0.4	+1.1
2. Basic Metals	32,366	33,262	33,242	33,487	-0.1	+0.7
3. Transportation Equipment	51,349	54,191	54,618	55,279	+0.8	+1.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	78,320	83,484	83,514	83,733	+0.0	+0.3
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	15,893	16,082	16,213	16,302	+0.8	+0.5
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,104	34,827	34,854	34,925	+0.1	+0.2
7. Food	36,930	37,101	38,220	37,355	+3.0	-2.3
8. All Other	49,911	53,699	54,167	54,373	+0.9	+0.4
Total - All Groups	327,425	344,535	346,603	347,569	+0.6	+0.3
Total - Excluding Food	290,495	307,434	308,383	310,214	+0.3	+0.6
<b>FEMALES</b>						
1. Building Material	2,297	2,517	2,510	2,560	-0.3	+2.0
2. Basic Metals	1,112	1,185	1,221	1,244	+3.0	+1.9
3. Transportation Equipment	3,740	4,036	4,167	4,187	+3.2	+0.5
4. Other Metal Manufactures	13,178	15,554	15,838	16,021	+1.8	+1.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	3,783	4,038	4,048	4,061	+0.2	+0.3
6. Clothing and Textiles	48,989	53,323	*53,513	53,652	+0.4	+0.3
7. Food	11,389	14,670	15,487	13,092	+5.6	-15.5
8. All Other	13,660	14,702	14,885	14,893	+1.2	+0.1
Total - All Groups	98,148	110,025	*111,669	109,710	+1.5	-1.8
Total - Excluding Food	86,759	95,355	* 96,182	96,618	+0.9	+0.5

\* Revised.

## IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA  
Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1000)  
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1951 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. Quarter	2,129	2,182
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1952 -		
			March Quarter	2,183	2,258
1948-49	1,322	1,365	June Quarter	2,249	2,304
			Sept. Quarter	2,305	2,371
1949-50	1,451	1,505	Dec. Quarter	2,354	2,408
1950-51	1,742	1,810	1953 -		
			March Quarter	2,362	2,400
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June Quarter	2,377	2,436
			Sept. Quarter	2,445	2,504
1952-53	2,350	2,404	Dec. Quarter	*2,436	2,502
			1954 -		
			March Quarter	2,491	2,578

\* Revised.

(a) Including salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE: - The two series in the above table are not comparable horizontally.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1951-52 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted average.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
28TH FEBRUARY, 1954.							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	318	307	288	302	318	314	309
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	312	302	295	298	320	315	306
III. Food, Drink, etc.	315	318	296	313	312	325	312
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	308	310	317	317	321	307	311
V. Books, Printing, etc.	357	354	332	342	351	361	352
VI. Other Manufacturing	316	306	286	305	314	317	309
VII. Building	349	333	317	321	337	333	336
VIII. Mining (c)	324	317	305	303	(d) 343	320	322
IX. Rail and Tram Services	319	312	296	298	312	314	311
X. Other Land Transport	312	296	283	292	312	306	302
XI. Shipping, etc. (e)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	379	339	344	338	352	371	357
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. (f)	303	295	271	279	294	293	294
XIV. Miscellaneous	310	302	283	290	304	302	302
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	331	316	308	311	326	331	321

## 31ST MARCH, 1954

I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	318	307	288	302	318	314	309
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	312	302	295	298	320	315	306
III. Food, Drink, etc.	315	318	296	313	312	325	312
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	308	310	317	317	321	307	311
V. Books, Printing, etc.	357	354	332	342	351	361	352
VI. Other Manufacturing	316	306	286	305	314	317	309
VII. Building	349	333	317	321	337	333	336
VIII. Mining (c)	324	317	305	303	(d) 343	320	322
IX. Rail and Tram Services	319	312	296	298	312	314	311
X. Other Land Transport	312	296	283	292	312	306	302
XI. Shipping, etc. (e)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	379	339	344	338	352	371	357
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc. (f)	303	295	271	279	294	293	294
XIV. Miscellaneous	310	302	283	290	304	302	302
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	331	316	308	311	326	331	321

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Average rates of wage prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Excludes district allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than masters, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(f) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rate for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
31st December, 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
31st March, 1952	312	302	285	292	312	298	303
30th June, 1952	321	307	295	299	324	306	311
30th September, 1952	335	322	304	315	334	317	325
31st December, 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
31st March, 1953	339	328	308	318	343	329	330
30th June, 1953	343	332	311	322	347	337	334
30th September, 1953	346	335	312	327	352	341	337
31st December, 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
31st March, 1954	346	337	319	327	352	341	339

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI. (Shipping, etc.) and XII. (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

#### VI. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 19 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-53), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 February	20,867	5,158	7,002	730	816	188	29,940	4,821	34,761
March	17,802	4,422	5,882	644	701	223	25,303	4,371	29,674
April	16,871	5,454	4,972	658	700	250	24,446	4,459	28,905
May	15,351	5,630	4,333	576	654	243	22,517	4,270	26,787
June	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
July	14,296	6,052	3,154	728	870	405	20,907	4,598	25,505
August	12,222	5,549	2,794	596	689	477	18,215	4,082	22,297
September	9,975	4,567	2,591	427	541	427	15,167	3,361	18,528
October	7,070	3,314	2,495	289	445	312	11,109	2,816	13,925
November	5,659	2,367	2,488	224	374	223	8,933	2,402	11,335
December	5,742	2,202	3,279	198	386	142	9,670	2,279	11,949
1954 January	5,589	1,920	5,295	132	388	99	11,288	2,135	13,423
February	4,445	1,539	5,397	99	288	110	9,924	1,954	11,878
March	3,675	1,277	3,644	93	196	85	7,146	1,824	8,970
April	3,445	1,229	3,252	77	239	78	6,549	1,771	8,320

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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